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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

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1. INTERNAL TRAVEL SITUATION DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTOR MEA'S AMERICA DEPARTMENT AUGUST 12. EDREMODA DECLINED ESTIMATE WHEN RESTRICTIONS MIGHT BE LIFTED BUT DID ENCOURAGE US TO SUBMIT NOTES ON PROPOSED TRAVEL OF OFFICIALS FROM U.S. WHO DESIRE VISIT NIGERIA. AT SAME TIME HE SAID IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE EMBASSY REFRAINED FROM SUBMITTING NOTES CONCERNING PROPOSED INTERNAL TRAVEL OF USG PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NIGERIA.

2. PATRICK AND MILLER VISITS SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD PROVIDE MEA WITH REVISED ITINERARIES. WE ARE SENDING THE REQUIRED DIPLOMATIC NOTES TODAY.

3. TO AVOID OVERLOADING CIRCUIT WITH TRAVEL NOTIFICATIONS WE WILL DELAY DISCUSSING SCHAEFER'S PROPOSED VISIT FOR WEEK OR TEN DAYS. THIS WILL ALSO GIVE FMG A LITTLE MORE TIME TO DELIVER ON CHIEF OF PROTOCOL'S ESTIMATE THAT THE RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE LIFTED BY THEN (LAGOS 8435). SCHAEFER BEING INR OFFICER MAY MAKE FMG CLEARANCE MORE DIFFICULT. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO DESCRIBE HIM TO MEA AS ANALYST OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS WITH DEPT. OF STATE. IT
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WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE DETAILS OF SCHAEFER'S IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL

PLANS BY END OF NEXT WEEK FOR USE IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH
MEA OFFICIALS.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP OUR EFFORTS HERE WITH
APPROACH TO NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN ACCORD WITH THE TIMING DISCUSSED
ABOVE.

5. OUR NOTE ON PATRICK GIVES ITINERARY IN GENERAL TERMS: ONE
WEEK IN LAGOS, TRIP TO OIL INSTALLATIONS FOLLOWED BY TOUR UP
COUNTRY TO VISIT CONSULATES; SEE STATE GOVT. OFFICIALS AND OTHERS
(BUSINESS, ACADEMICS). EMBASSY REQUESTS SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS
FROM DEPT., IBADAN AND KADUNA CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS AND PLACES
TO BE VISITED. BRUCES RENEW INVITATION TO PATRICK STAY WITH THEM
WHILE IN LAGOS.
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